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TO : Chief, FBIS
Chief, Mediterranean Bureau
FROM : Chief, London Bureau

DATE: 17 March 1954

SUBJECT: Coverage Coordination BBC-Mediterranean Bureau

REF. : Memorandum from Chief, FBIS dated 1 December 1953,
Subject: Coverage Coordination Meeting 5 November 1953

1. Attached find copy of Memorandum from H.R.U. of BBC in response to a request for comment on the Statement of the Chief, FBIS in the Memorandum under reference.

2. It is believed that BBC-Medbureau coverage coordination is now closer and more effective than it was at the time of the meeting in November. Although some flexibility must be allowed in interpretation of the term "extended period", which may vary according to the kind, degree and persistence of unintelligibility, there is now every reasonable assurance that lapses in coverage from lack of inter-station coordination are unlikely to occur.

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From: H.R.U.

Subject: COVERAGE COORDINATION WITH MEDITERRANEAN
BUREAU

16th March 1954

To: Chief London Bureau, FBIS

I regret the delay in replying to Mr. Warfield's note on the subject of closer coordination between ourselves and Kyrenia. Of course, we agree entirely with the principle of Kyrenia taking over coverage, if they have staff available, during extended periods of bad reception and this procedure is normally implemented as soon as possible.

The question of the Moscow Hungarian bulletin mentioned did not quite fall into the category mentioned above. The situation was that changes were taking place at the time in connection with the reciprocal broadcasting arrangements between Moscow and the satellites and in point of fact according to our observations during the period under review the broadcast in question could not be traced, so that we were unable to ask Kyrenia to take it over. Subsequently when the continued existence of this broadcast was finally established Kyrenia were asked to take over coverage.

Signed: A. BELOSSELSKY